

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 7:00 am at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. President Altman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger and Commissioner Steven A. Holt.

INDOT Projects

Mr. Bob Rebling and Mr. Bill Rinard, INDOT, updated the commissioners on INDOT's 10-year plan. The draft of the 10-year plan is in the Governor's office and with media releases expected in mid or late October. The plan will now include dates of major construction projects. Preservation type projects were also ranked and includes dates of road re-constructions. A project example would be SR 32 through Noblesville, which will include left hand turn lanes. Rebling stated from SR 37 to SR 32/38, INDOT has identified and programmed an added travel lane on SR 32/38. Altman asked if new projects can be inserted in to the 10-year plan? Rebling stated yes, but something will have to come out of the plan. It is dollar for dollar, done on a district basis.

Dillinger asked if the State would be interested in participating with Noblesville and the county on a Pleasant Street by-pass? Rebling stated there is a good chance of that participation. Rebling asked the commissioners to keep the State informed of any discussions on this project. Dillinger will set up an exploratory meeting with representatives of Noblesville, INDOT and the county to discuss Noblesville's plans for Pleasant Street.

Altman asked what is the State's relationship with the Metropolitan Planning Organization? Rebling stated anything they would do in regards with planning would have to be approved by the MPO.

S.R. 47

Dillinger asked if the State will be taking over SR 47 from Cicero to US 31? Rebling stated no. Davis stated this portion is in line for Federal Aid.

I-69 Corridor

Rebling stated the I-69/116th Street interim improvement at 116th Street and SR 37 has been let but due to manpower issues construction will begin early 2006. The 10-year plan will show the date of approximately 2015 for the I-69 Corridor. Altman stated the I-69 Corridor project is the highest priority for this region. Rebling stated this is a high ticket item and we are looking at \$200 million a year for high ticket items, which does not go far when you add lanes and replace pavement. INDOT was waiting for the MPO study to be done, which is now complete. The project is not designed and may have to be a design-build situation and will probably be built in segments. Davis suggested INDOT ranking the I-69 Corridor over the 465 on the west side of Indianapolis. Dillinger asked if they know of any more major problem than the I-69 to 465 corridor? Rebling stated no, they will wait for the report and then meet with the highway department. Altman suggested the possibility of sharing our resources, such as construction inspection.

INDOT Projects

SR 19 - SR 38/32 to 206 - will be let in March. Project excludes Field Drive.

SR 32, Gray Road, Moontown Road Intersections - September letting with construction summer of 2006.

Resurface SR 32 from White River to SR 37 - Spring/Summer of 2006

Install guardrail in median on I-69 from SR 37 to SR 236 - October letting. Using new cable system.

96th Street/SR 431 Improvements

Altman asked where the 96th Street/SR 431 improvements are. Rebling stated SR 431 will not be going back to Carmel. Will be adding travel lanes, conventional intersections will remain and will be update the intersection improvements. There is no time frame.

State Road Intersections

Holt asked if there has been any thought to protective buying for intersections? Rebling stated no. Rinard stated protective buying is hard for the State, maybe that is something the local jurisdictions can do. A plan and environmental documents are needed before we can purchase land. Altman asked if the State could partner with local jurisdictions that do not have planning districts, to develop local thoroughfare plans? Rebling stated INDOT might be able to find monies to help local jurisdictions with planning. Holt encouraged the INDOT to encourage local entities to develop thoroughfare plans with tight diamond interchanges in their jurisdictions, especially along US 31. Hamilton County also has frontage roads on their thoroughfare plan for 31.

INDOT Reimbursement Process

Davis stated the 146th Street Extension reimbursement process is slow in getting paperwork through INDOT. Hamilton County signed the agreement in January, which will allow the county to get reimbursement from an early earmark for preliminary engineering costs and it is still somewhere in the INDOT process. We want that money to come back so we can continue to fund other aspects of the project. Another agreement in the INDOT approval process is the engineering for Gwinn Road for construction engineering for a local bridge project. Rebling will check into finding the documents.

146th Street

Davis stated the 146th Street extension project will intersect SR 37. Hamilton County would like to have dual left turn lanes on SR 37, currently there is stacking of the left turn lanes. INDOT has been reluctant to add the lanes to our project. Thurman stated it is the county's intent to have left turn lanes on 146th Street and SR 37, it was presented to INDOT and we are willing to build it as part of the project. We have a very aggressive project schedule and the first response from INDOT is that they need to verify it with a traffic study. The study has been done that supported the turn lanes. Rebling will check into it.

Davis stated there will be a meeting with the construction people to set the time on this project. They need to understand that there is a completion date of Fall 2007. This project is not funded as a traditional 80/20 federal aid project and when we get in to change orders they will be all paid from local dollars and we need to be coordinating with them the change orders. Rinard stated the new INDOT policy is that we no longer work on calendar days, we work on completion date. Neal stated because we have always had a delay in issuing the Notice to Proceed on local federal aid projects because we have to go through the claims process with INDOT we end up beyond the 30 days, which the contractor expects, and we end up with days on the end and we need to make sure we don't run into that with this project. Dillinger stated this has a huge financial impact on Noblesville due to the agreement with Simon. Rinard suggested Hamilton County talk to the INDOT Commissioner. Davis will set up a meeting.

SR 32 Railroad Crossing

Davis stated legislation has been passed that allow government agencies to repair railroad crossings. Davis requested repairs be done on the SR 32 & 8th Street crossing located in downtown Noblesville. INDOT will look into the repair.

Next INDOT Meeting - November 4, 2005 at 7:30 am at the Hamilton County Highway Department.

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Highway Business

146th Street Project Update

INDOT has requesting approval of an additional clause to the State-Local Agreement for the 146th Street from SR 37 to Boden Road, West of I-69. The clause pertains to the new Direct Deposit Law and requires initializing by the county. Dillinger motioned to approve the amendment. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dillinger motioned that as these documents for electronic transfer come forward the President is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Neal stated Bruno Canzino, INDOT, stated these agreements do not take commissioners sign off. Any representative from the county can sign off of the agreements. The electronic deposit form needs to be signed by the county treasurer. Dillinger motioned to let the highway department representatives sign administrative documents. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Thurman reviewed the schedule for the 146th Street Extension project. Thurman stated INDOT has certified the public hearing on September 19th, appraisals can now be finished. Design approval submittal will be submitted September 30. Land Acquisition can begin November 30. Final Plans go to INDOT January 1, 2006, project buying to begin the 4th Quarter of 2005 with project letting July 2006. Other items include meeting with INDOT regarding design approval and timing of right-of-way buying; there are on-going utility coordination meetings (including Cinergy); an interlocal agreement with City of Noblesville; an INDOT engineering supplemental agreement; an additional construction and construction engineering agreement with INDOT and supplemental agreements with consulting engineers.

The majority of funds needed soon is for the acquisition of right of way at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million. Altman asked if we need an additional appropriation to support the right of way acquisition or are there funds that can be transferred? Thurman stated Mike Howard is working on it. An additional will be requested, but it will be a loan. Altman asked if a Resolution can be approved at the October council meeting, Altman stated this additional will not be property tax backed so we don't need State approval. The additional will come from highway COIT. Mills stated when you take funds out of highway COIT you will be cutting the 2006 highway budget until the reimbursement is received. Altman asked Davis to talk with Mike Howard and Mike Reuter to come up with a plan that we won't tie up highway COIT and figure out the reimbursement.

Transportation Thoroughfare Plan Review

Davis requested approval of a Letter of Local Commitment for Federal Aid for a review and update of the county Thoroughfare Plan with an emphasis in providing inter and intra county thoroughfare connectivity and continuity. They would like to include the entire county, which would mean additional costs to the county, estimated at \$75,000. The entire costs, including MPO funds, is \$175,000. We will be reimbursed \$20,000 from the first \$100,000. Local share would be a total of \$95,000. This letter of commitment is for the MPO portion only - \$100,000 (80/20 - \$20,000 local share). The \$20,000 would come from 2005 highway funds. Davis stated Chuck Kiphart, Plan Commission, has indicated they may have some funds to help with the local share. Altman stated we have received commitment from the council for that and if we had local match money available we would participate with an additional. We need to find out how much money Planning can contribute and build it into a separate additional appropriation request for the entire county planning. Altman asked if we have buy-in from the other municipalities that they will work with us on the updated thoroughfare plan and updating their thoroughfare plans? Davis stated we have not talked with the entities. Part of the study is for the consultant to review the updated parts they have done and put together the recommendations. Altman stated that needs to be concurrent with this, we will need buy-in from the municipalities. Altman asked Davis to work on a letter to the municipalities. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridge #147 Letter of Commitment

Davis requested approval of a Letter of Commitment for federal aid for Bridge #147 over Cool Creek on 161st Street with INDOT in the amount of \$800,000. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid Award

Vehicles - Highway Department

Davis recommended the bids for vehicles be awarded as follows:
Crew Cab Truck to Mike Raisor Ford in the amount of \$33,305.00. Pick-up Truck to Pearson Ford @ \$25,255.30. Utility Vehicle to Dan Young Chevrolet, Tipton @ \$22,845.00. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dillinger motioned to adjourn. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner
Robin M. Mills, Auditor
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Jim Neal, Highway Engineer,
Joel Thurman, Highway Project Engineer
Bill Rinard, INDOT District Director, Greenfield District
Bob Rebling, INDOT District Development Engineer
Diana Lamirand, Noblesville Ledger

APPROVED
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Robin M. Mills, Auditor